

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments, an Abstract has been added to the specification. Applicant wishes to point out that this Abstract is identical to the Abstract translated and published by WIPO in International Publication No. WO 00/74801 (which application corresponds to the subject application).

In addition, Applicant has canceled original Claims 1-24 in favor of new Claims 25-38. These new claims correspond to the claims submitted on June 8, 2001, and which are the subject of the International Preliminary Examination Report, except that they have been amended to delete the multiple dependency and reduce the filing fee. In addition, other slight modifications were made in order to place the claims in line with more conventional U.S. claim language.

Applicant also wishes to point out that the enclosed specification incorporates amended sheets 2-5 which were also filed on June 8, 2001. The enclosed specification containing these amended sheets is the same specification on which the International Preliminary Examination Report was based.

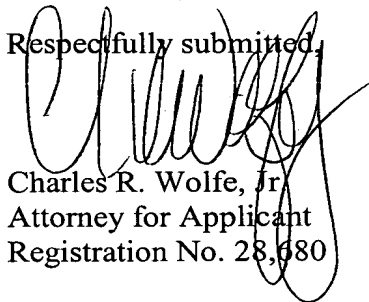
Applicant retains all rights to the subject matter covered by the canceled multiple dependent claims by making these claims directly dependent on a single claim. The subject matter now not included in these claims may be reintroduced as multiple dependent claims or as separate independent or dependent claims in the present application or in a continuation and/or divisional application.

Finally, Applicant understands that, under the procedures of the PCT, a copy of the priority document (GB 9912764.1 filed 2 June 1999) has been supplied to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office pursuant to Rule 17 of the PCT Regulations. It is, therefore, respectfully

requested that the first Official Action in the present application contain an indication that the appropriate priority documents are in the file of this application.

Prompt, favorable action on the subject application, as presently amended, is earnestly solicited.

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